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Excise Police Arrest 24 at Tampico Tractor Pull

TAMPICO, Ind. (June 23) – Indiana State Excise Police officers arrested 24 people during a tractor-and-truck pull in Jackson County this weekend.

The annual tractor-and-truck pull and fish fry is a fundraiser for the Grassy Fork Volunteer Fire Department, which is located south of Brownstown on State Road 39.

Excise officers arrested 17 minors for illegal consumption or possession of alcohol, five of whom were less than 18 years of age.

Caleb M. Goering, 20, of Salem, was jailed on a preliminary charge of illegal possession of alcohol after he was caught a second time in possession of alcohol by two different excise officers two hours apart.

Three people were charged with providing alcohol to a minor and three juveniles were issued tickets for possession of tobacco.

One person was also arrested on a felony drug charge.

Joseph G. Spencer, 28, of Scottsburg, was jailed on a preliminary charge of possession of a controlled substance (Schedule II and Schedule IV).

As the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission, the primary mission of the Indiana State Excise Police is to promote public safety by enforcing Indiana's Alcoholic Beverage Code. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related laws.

All criminal defendants are to be presumed innocent until, and unless, proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.